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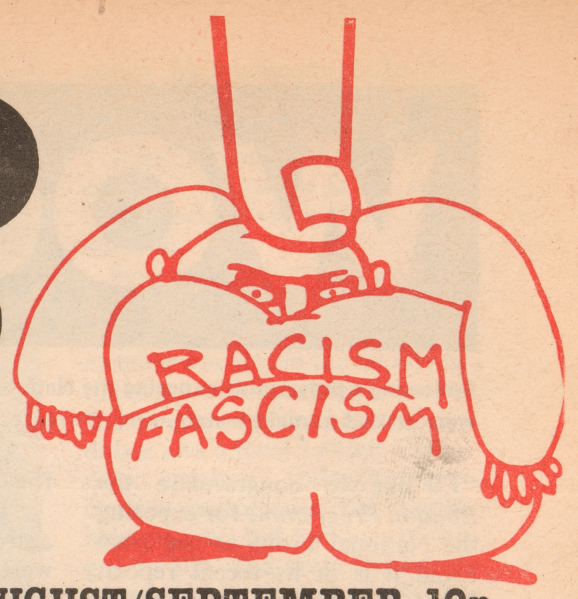

PAPER OF THE ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-FASCIST CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

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KKK FLY IN

It seems that the KKK are trying to start their own 'fancy-dress party' over here. Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson, claims it already has. According to him there will be an 'enrobing ceremony' sometime this year.

There have been Klan-type daubings in places like Brighton — 'Kill a Red for Jesus'. But Brighton does rather attract that sort of person, maybe someone wrote that on their way up to the Heidelberg Hotel. In Southampton a brick with Klan obscenities wrapped round was hurled through a communist book-shop window. They've been decorating in Plymouth too 'Be a Man Join the Klan'. Glasgow hasn't gone un-noticed either. A letter from the 'Invisible Empire' was sent to a Mr Sutcliffe in Bolton which managed to "scare him stiff". In Ealing Bogle L'Ouverture, a black community book shop, was broken into — racist slogans reminiscent of the KKK were daubed all over the windows, and on a leaflet that was left behind there was an invitation to contact the National Party — 'FOR ACTION'. Richard Lawson editor of *Britain First*, has been exposed for his links with the KKK. A certain Mr Relf said in an interview with a BBC reporter that he'd 'like to support the KKK if a branch was started in Britain'.

At a Fascist Conference in Belgium last year, leading light of the KKK David Duke ('Grand Dragon') claimed he met prominent members of the National Front who wanted to start a 'Klavern' over here.

'Grand Dragon' of South Carolina, Robert Scroggin is due to arrive in this country sometime this year.

CRC Offices all over the country have been receiving KKK literature with or without bricks. THE KKK HAS A LONG AND BLOODY HISTORY. THEY ARE A WELL-ORGANISED BUNCH OF NAZIS, WITH WHAT SEEMS AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF FINANCIAL BACKING.

WOOD GREEN APRIL

Following a programme exposing the National Front as a fascist organisation, the 23 April Defence Committee were invited to make a statement. We reproduce what Mick Gosling, speaking in a personal capacity, told viewers:

"I'd like to congratulate the *London Programme* for exposing the National Front as the Nazi Front it is in its recent report. What it didn't say, though, is how these latter-day fascists are to be fought ...

"Our committee brought together anti-racist groups, local Labour Parties, and the Indian Workers Association, as well as the International Marxist Group and Socialist Workers Party. We were also joined by many local people — especially young West Indians and Cypriots — united in our determination to stop the National Front spreading its racist poison in one of the largest black and Cypriot areas in Britain.

"What was the authorities' response? We were banned from holding a rally on Ducketts Common — a traditional meeting place — under an obscure by-law. By contrast the National Front was given the protection of 1,200 foot and mounted police for their provocative march.

"During the afternoon one anti-racist was knifed and others were attacked with bottles on a tube train. Yet of the 81 people arrested, no less than 74 were anti-fascists. Ironically, most of these have been charged under the 1936 Public Order Act, a law supposedly introduced to curb the activities of Mosley's blackshirts. These events show the futility of trying to fight the Front through the law and courts as many suggest.

"It's the labour movement which ends up the victim of bans and proscriptions, and it's the labour movement which must organise to defeat fascism. In the 1930s Mosley was defeated when working people came out in their thousands at Cable Street — not by the Public Order Act.

"Unfortunately we are fighting the Front with one hand tied behind our backs at the moment. I'm referring to the immigration laws. The argument about immigration laws has nothing to do with numbers — more people leave this country every year than come here. It has everything to do with colour. Immigration laws suggest that foreigners, black foreigners, are in some way to blame for the economic and social problems facing working people — an argument the National Front has exploited.

"Last year's Labour Party conference voted to scrap the 1968 and 1971 Immigration Acts because it recognised they were racist. But so far there has been a deafening silence from the Government on this decision.

"Fascism isn't around the corner in Britain, but the conditions of falling living standards in which it breeds are already with us. It is these conditions we must fight, not black people. For if the fascists did succeed in scapegoating blacks, it wouldn't just be the blacks but the whole labour movement which would be crushed."

'Is there anyone here from Stangeways?'

The National Front were in a distinctly jumpy mood after their St. George's Day strutabout in North London.

Despite latest NF boasts that the event was an unqualified success, the parade through Wood Green High Street undoubtedly took a heavy toll on the marchers' nerves.

It was obvious to everyone who witnessed the march that only the presence of 2,000 policemen saved the 1,500 NF Fascists from a good pounding by the 5,000 counter demonstrators.

And when the jaded NF contingent trooped into the local school hall to listen to two hours of demagoguery from their leaders, all the signs of stress began to bubble to the surface.

It showed very clearly in the increasingly paranoid behaviour of the Front's tubby activities organiser and propagandist Martin Webster.

He seemed to find it beyond him to get his flock of sheep to sit down and shut up. To his intense annoyance, most of the assembled hordes seemed more interested in renewing old acquaintances and recounting their bloody encounter with the

Photograph/Minda

One thug that didn't get to the party.

Left earlier that afternoon than obediently taking their seats and waiting for the platform party.

Webster — clearly put out — grabbed a loud hailer and, assisted by Enfield NF stalwart Dave Bruce, began bellowing: "Sit down and belt up. For God's sake just sit down. Be quiet. Shut up, I say."

When this failed, he began barnstorming around the hall haranguing individual groups of NF members, shouting: "We've got a lot to get through this afternoon, so let's get on with it." (Expletives deleted).

After about 20 minutes of this performance, some semblance of order visited itself on the meeting and the speakers John Tyndall, Andrew Fountaine, Sqn. Ldr. John Harrison-Broadley and the irrepressible Webster mounted the rostrum to a standing ovation from the faithful.

Webster kicked off the proceedins in true vaudeville style with a string of racist jokes and slogans designed to arouse the more primitive instincts of his audience.

"Now that the new Race Relations Act has come into force, I'm told that I mustn't say anything that will corrupt you or incite you to acts of violence. Right, well I'm going to give you all a couple of tests," he yelled.

His first act was to get the audience to chant "If they're black, send them back." — which they did with great gusto. "Good. Very good. You did that very well," approved Webster. "Now I've got just one more test for you." He then asked if there were any multi-racialists in the audience. Not a hand went up. Even those reporters and anti-Fascist elements who had infiltrated the meeting were not willing to stand up and be counted against the gangs of heavies who acted as NF stewards.

Most of the speeches were standard Front stuff including race baiting, blimpishness, and conspiracy theories. But John Tyndall's effort at the end betrayed the increasingly hard-line anti-semitism which is creeping into their utterances.

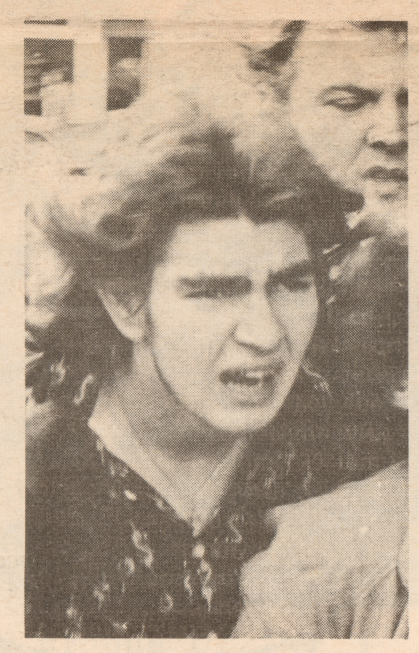
Tyndall — with an eye on the forthcoming GLC elections — spoke of how London no longer resembled the capital of a great nation like Britain. He said the City nowadays looked more like the capital of Jamaica (loud applause), Pakistan (louder cheers) or Israel (deafening and prolonged applause with some audience members standing up).

This was perhaps hardly surprising as some NF marchers had yelled at Jewish residents earlier that afternoon: "Peace and Love, Brothers — May you be Gassed, Brothers." And: "Get back in the Ovens."

Some of the most revealing insights into the NF mind came

DID POLICE BACK PEDDLE OVER NF STABBING?

Photographs/Mark Rusher IFL



Following-on from the excellent coverage of the Anti-NF Demonstration on April 23, the *Hornsey Journal* tried to expose the "back pedalling" of the police. We reproduce below an article from the *Journal* of May 27 '77 and thank them for their help.

Vital information from *Journal* readers has provided extra evidence on the stabbing of an anti-fascist demonstrator during the recent National Front march through Haringey.

One youth has now been fined £50 for possessing a knife. But organisers of the anti-NF rally in which the injured man took part are bitterly criticising police for taking "too soft a line".

According to eye-witnesses, 28-year old shop assistant Bill McCrae was carrying a banner along Wood Green High Road on April 23 and walking some way behind other demonstrators when the attack happened.

Suddenly he and a friend were stopped by three men, one lunged at Mr McCrae, slashing his face with a knife. A photographer took pictures of him slumped to the ground and of a man being led away by a policeman. But police later said they had no record of arresting anyone on a stabbing charge.

After the *Journal* (May 6) appealed to people who saw the incident to help identify the attacker, a reader sent in a photograph showing the same man being escorted by police. Another reader reported that he and several other bystanders had given eye-witness statements to the police.

When asked about progress on the case, Detective Inspector James Rapley of St Ann's Road station, replied that police had arrested a 17-year-old youth and charged him with possessing an offensive weapon, for which he had later been fined £50.

DI Rapley said in order to consider bringing a more serious charge against anyone he would have needed a statement from Mr McCrae whom he couldn't trace at the address he had given. "It was up to him to come forward," he said. "Even with eye-witnesses it wouldn't make any difference — the complaint has got to come from the victim himself."

Bill McCrae, his face marked by the attack and still shaken, told the *Journal* that, as an anti-NF supporter, he was afraid of revealing his address because "there could be repercussions from the Front."

"I was dazed after the man went for me," he said. "I saw the knife in his hand, heard him shout 'razor, razor', and then I felt my face being cut."

Legal advisors to the organisers of the anti-NF rally, say it would not be too late for police to act. "There is absolutely no reason why the police shouldn't bring a more serious charge — even if the injured person is reluctant to come forward," they say.

Secretary of the march organising committee, Mick Gosling, says they are not prepared to drop the matter. "This was clearly a vicious and unprovoked attack," he said angrily. "Leaving aside the person who was assaulted who was obviously dazed, there was enough evidence for the police to bring a much more serious charge than they did."

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during the collection organised by (yes, you've guessed it) Big Mart putting on his best Wheel-tappers-and-Shunters Club performance. "No dear, we'll take the loose change later," said an ungrateful Webster to a frail old lady in the audience who had the temerity to proffer a miserable 20p.

It was left to a fat gent in the front row to restore some sense of dignity to the proceedings by coughing up £150 (wealthy types, these NF supporters). Smaller contributions — of £10 — came from Pentonville prison officers — a gesture which prompted the greedy "Tubs" to demand: "Is there anyone here from Strangeways. Come on you Strangeways lads. Surely you're not going to let these Pentonville boys beat you like this." Another £10 was passed up and Webster seemed satisfied so presumably Strangeways was able to oblige.

For a party which is always going on about law and order, it appeared a little odd that the audience should have given such a rousing reception to Wolverhampton NF activist Ron Davison who had just been released from prison after serving six months of a nine-month sentence for assaulting a police officer.

As the evening drew to a close, Webster kept anxiously looking at the clock. The reason for his anxiety soon became clear. The police who were protecting the building from a huge crowd of left-wing demonstrators wanted to go home — and the problem was how to get the NF gathering out of the school and onto the tube trains and home without a riot.

The task seemed to tax all of Martin Webster's energy and not inexhaustible supply of patience. He began shepherding the audience out of the exit-doors screaming "Just get out of the vestibule immediately" to those who were inclined to hang back.

When he spotted two teenage boys munching a pasty and swigging Coke in the corner Webster exploded. "What the fucking hell do you think you're doing?" he bawled seizing the half-eaten pasty he hurled it against the wall with such force that it exploded into fragments. "Now just get out of here. Get moving," he stormed to the shocked expressions of some of the departing members.

DEFENCE

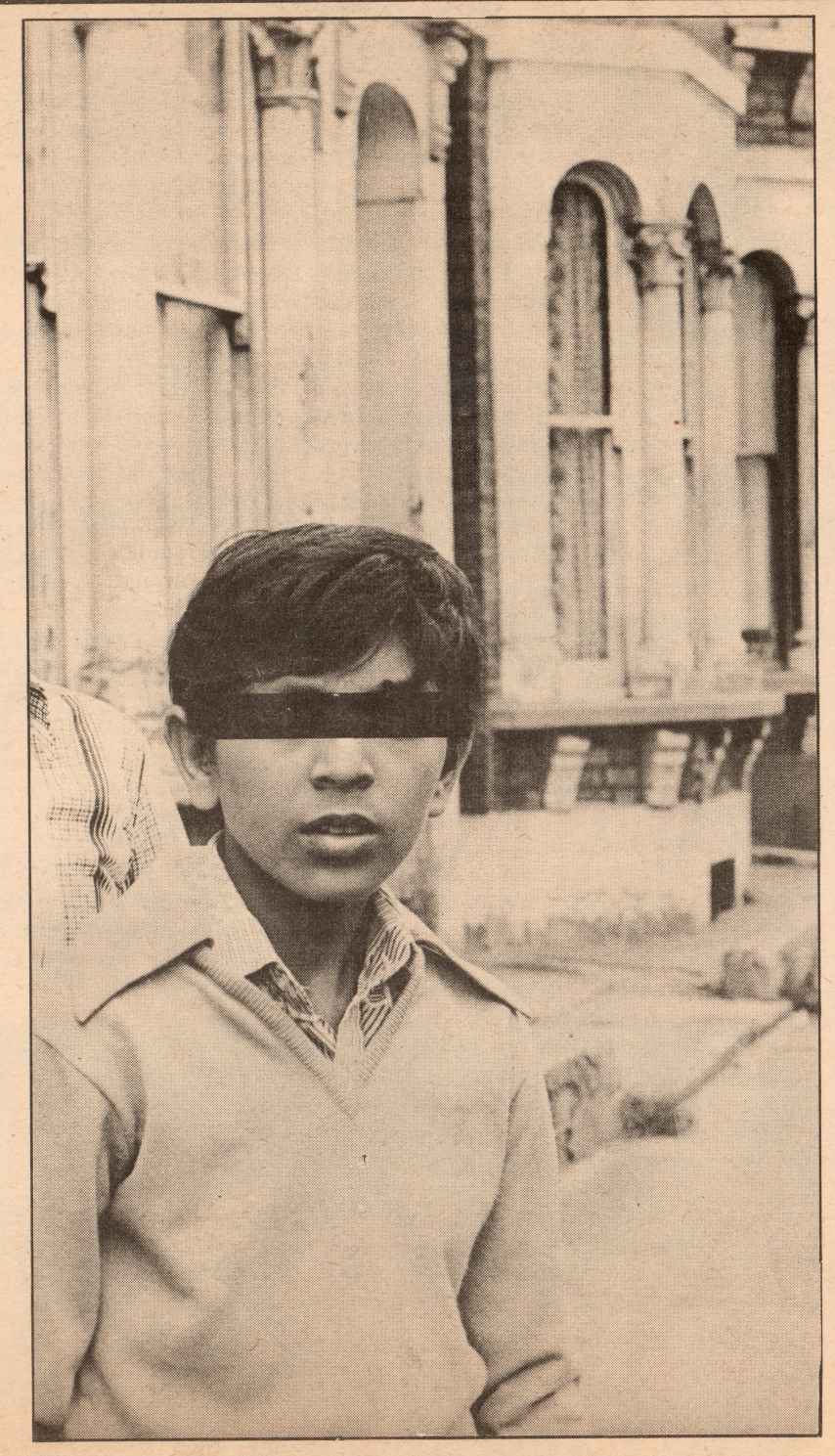
There were 74 anti-fascist demonstrators arrested on April 23 at the demonstration against the NF at Wood Green. Many face the usual pathetic trumped-up charges and many have been refused Legal Aid. Until recently only 12 have been granted it. So far a handful of people have got off, and a few have been fined. But the majority have their cases pending and the Defence Campaign is appealing for funds. So far £1,000 has been raised. Please send all donations to the 23 April Defence Campaign c/o Hornsey Labour Party, 28 Middle Lane, London, N8.

TUESDAY MAY 3
About 11 o'clock my dad was coming from the pub. He was near the off-licence in our street when four NF kids started a fight with him. But my dad shouted a lot and hit one of them on the leg with a piece of wood, while he went to kick my dad. They all ran away like scared cats.

THURSDAY MAY 5
About 10 o'clock there were about 30 NF kids came like hooligans. They throwed empty milk bottles at the next door neighbours. The next door neighbours are Bangladesh people. There was a lot of shouting going on and the flat near us was full of people watching. So the Bangladesh people came out with sticks and empty bottles and so did we. The bottles were thrown at each other like rain, but no one got hurt, only my friend got a cut on his hand. Any one of us could of got hurt badly or even killed. We called the police and about seven cars came [25 minutes later], but they never done nothing at all. Even some of them were laughing, they thought that this was funny. It is very bad that this party has come out called the NATIONAL FRONT. It is bad and it is cruel and soon it is going to get badder.

FRIDAY MAY 6
They came again making trouble. This time they broke three of our windows and I think that this should of not of happened. There were about 50 this time.

From the diary of Sukdave (Stevie) Singh, who lives in Mile End, East London.



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Stevie's neighbours had their door smashed in later last month. A few doors away an Asian family have completely boarded up the front of their house, and they are afraid to venture out after dark. The crowds of white youths congregate in the street — sometimes as many as 100 of them — almost every night, shouting abuse at the three Asian families who live there.

The last time the police were called (by white neighbours, who were afraid *their* windows would go in too) they threatened to arrest the Asians for defending their houses with sticks and bottles; they declined to arrest whites identified to them as responsible for breaking their windows.

Two of the Bengali men who live next door to Stevie told CARF, "When they came for us it will be when we are coming home from work alone. That is when they will beat us up and that is when they will kill us."

And they went on, bitterly: "When we go out with sticks to defend ourselves the police say that they will arrest us. But we have to use sticks to save our lives".

STEVIE KNOWS WHO MANY OF THE WHITE YOUTHS ARE. "THREE YEARS AGO WE USED TO PLAY FOOTBALL TOGETHER." THEY LIVE IN THE FLATS OPPOSITE AND IN THE SURROUNDING STREETS. HE THINKS THEIR PARENTS ENCOURAGE THEM TO BAIT "PAKIS" — THEY WOULDN'T OTHERWISE BE ALLOWED OUT ON THE STREETS SO LATE IN THE NIGHT.

THE POLICE JUST LAUGHED

AT 7AM ON THURSDAY MAY 19, TEN POLICEMEN BURST INTO A HOUSE IN LONGFELLOW ROAD, EAST LONDON.

They refused to produce warrants to either of the men — brothers from Bangladesh — but claimed they had come to arrest everyone in the house. Each of the two was taken aside and interrogated in turn by every one of the policemen.

They all asked the same questions, over and over again. How long have you lived here? How do you send money back to Bangladesh? Through which bank? Prove it ... and so on. They were there for three hours altogether, having searched the whole house. They took away British citizenship papers, marriage certificates, P45s, work references and passports. And they refused to give receipts for these things.

As they left, they forbade one of the men to leave the house all day, saying they would be back later to ask more questions. They did not in fact return, but the man lost a day's pay anyway.

Compared with a neighbour, he was lucky. A few doors down the road, Sujon Miah was arrested on suspicion of being an illegal immigrant. He was taken off to Pentonville prison, and police took both his passport and that of his wife Rongful Bibi. Without it she could get no Social Security. To get it back, she was told she'd have to contact Police Sergeant 27 West, in charge of immigration at Leman Street police station.

Trying to see PS27 West proved to be quite difficult. On May 25 PS27 West had signed off for 3 days. Come back on Friday. On Friday PS27 West had signed off for another 3 days and was now at Scotland Yard. But try tomorrow. The next day ... PS27 West had signed off for a whole week.

Eventually the elusive PS27 West was located, and gave a receipt for the passport. The receipt gave Sujon Miah's name, and the numbers of the two passports — which was still no use as proof of identity for Rongful Bibi.

The passport itself was with the governor of Pentonville, and in order to get it back, Rongful was told she'd have to send in a written application!

Meanwhile at the Social Security office Rongful was subjected to constant petty harassment, sexist comments and humiliation. Only after a white neighbour went with her and created a row did she get one payment of £7.50 "hardship allowance" — to keep her and her year-old baby since 19th May.

At the other end of the street, No. 70, another Bengali was arrested and charged with harbouring an illegal immigrant living at ... No. 38!

He was also charged with fraudulently handling insurance cards. He tells how he was beaten up until he signed a "confession" on which the charge was based. The police, he says, would ask him a question and no matter what he answered would write down their version. He said to them "Why do you ask me these questions? If I say that is wrong, you say that is right; if I say that is right you say that is wrong."

He was arrested on Thursday May 19th, but his family only found out where he was on the Friday. His son flew down from Scotland and on Saturday stood bail (together with a friend) for £3,000.

The police called on other families in the street that Thursday morning. All the Asians in the neighbourhood know of the beatings they gave the men they arrested. One of them said, speaking for a whole community: "All of us round here are praying."

The incidents described here are only the tip of the iceberg — violent attacks by fascists or by the police — are the *daily* experience of blacks in London. In the Edmonton area of North London a West Indian woman and a four year old Asian child were shot by a fascist on April 19. We have seen recently the police activities in South London with their 'mass arrests' of black youths under 'SUS'.

Blacks cannot rely on the police to protect them. For the Asians in East London there is only one force to sustain them — their *own* communal solidarity. There are moves to build organisations capable of defending people coming to and from their factories, temples and cinemas. The families in Stevie Singh's street, and from other streets in the area are meeting to discuss the situation and how they can organise their *own* self defence.

POSTCRIPT — THE HOME OFFICE HAS SINCE ALLOWED SUJON MIAH AND HIS WIFE AND CHILD TO STAY IN BRITAIN.

Illustration/Ron Taylor

BIRDWOOD'S ARMY

The World Anti-Communist League (WACL) is operated by three of the most right-wing governments in the world — South Korea, Taiwan and Saudi Arabia. WACL has 'sections' throughout the world. At the head of the American section is Roger Pearson. He was responsible for setting up the Northern League, a British group describing its aims as "wishing to keep the spirit of Adolf Hitler alive". Its meetings have been attended by ex-Waffen SS men and members of the Monday Club, the National Front and Column 88, the extreme right-wing paramilitary group.

Ex-Tory MP Geoffrey Stewart-Smith was organiser of the British section of the WACL. He left because he was unhappy about its anti-Jewish and racist propaganda. He was convinced that the WACL was a Nazi organisation.

When Roy Jenkins, as Home Secretary, moved to righten up the Race Relations Laws, an associate of the WACL was piling resources into a campaign against him. Her name was DOWAGER LADY JANE BIRDWOOD, a maverick Tory Party member, who had been associated with racist and fascist groups, especially the NF. Although never a member, she has spoken on NF and NP platforms. She is now head of the British section of the WACL.

Last year Birdwood organised a campaign around Robert Relf. Encouraging people to follow his example by offering their homes "for sale to English people only", she produced 300 posters.

Last year an 'Anti-Immigration Rally' was held in Trafalgar Square. It was organised from the home of Birdwood. Those taking part included the NP, the NF, the British Movement, the League of St. George and Column 88.

Recently Birdwood appeared with another organisation, 'SELF-HELP', formed by the late Ross McWhirter and herself. Self-Help offered to supply scabs to any employer hit by strikes. One of its first escapades was to offer £50,000 rewards for information leading to the conviction of IRA bombers.

This year Self-Help intervened in a long-running dispute at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford. Workers there had been involved in a long strike with the Trust House Forte management, who were backed by the National Association For Freedom. They had organised an anti-trade union rally in Birmingham and many full-page ads. in the national papers to put the company's side of the story.

Self-Help's intervention came when they planned to hold a meeting at the Randolph with the stated aim of breaking the picket line. Letters sent to members looked forward to a confrontation, and the challenge to the Randolph strikers was clearly spelt out. 'Operation X', the breaking of the strike was under way.

The response of the hotel workers' union, the TGWU, was to call for the *removal* of the picket to prevent Self-Help from achieving their aim! However, the response of the workers was quite different. A mass picket was called and nearly 300 workers gathered to confront the Birdwood mob. When they arrived it was clear that many of Birdwood's thugs were her old friends in the NF. The picket confronted them and they were unable to enter the hotel. The police quickly intervened, attacking the workers, charging them from the front and from inside the hotel. After an hour and a half, 38 pickets were arrested and many were injured.

SELF-HELP WERE GIVEN A SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE PICKET AND HELD THEIR MEETING. ONCE AGAIN THE FASCISTS WERE GIVEN POLICE PROTECTION IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE WORKING CLASS.

Had Enough Whitey?

"I JUST WANT TO PUT THE PAST BEHIND ME AND LEAD A QUIET LIFE" — Robert Relf, *Watford Evening Echo*, March 19 1977

Just who is kidding whom? Almost at the same time Relf was making that statement, he was sending out a leaflet titled "HAD ENOUGH WHITEY".

Last year Relf hit the headlines with his sign "For Sale to an English Family". His new attempt at stardom, the production of this new leaflet, clearly aims to challenge the new Race Relations Act. The publishing address on it is his home in Leamington. He still hasn't managed to sell the house, although he is now working as a bus driver in Luton for United Counties, a company with a large proportion of black workers. Relf's new leaflet is an all-time low, not unlike the racist propaganda peddled by the KKK in America. Perhaps it's no coincidence that Relf's leaflet comes shortly after a statement he made to a BBC reporter, when he said that he'd like to support the KKK if a branch was started in Britain. Relf's first step into the limelight as a racist bigot was when he tried, not too successfully, to start a KKK in the Midlands. It was at one of their early meetings, that his wife Sadie burst into uncontrolled hysteria, shouting "drive them up the chimneys", a reference to the burning of blacks.

BROWNSHIRTS

During the recent Elections, Richard Scott, a Communist Party member, was stabbed in the back with a broken bottle in a Leeds pub. The attack was made by uniformed Nazis of the British National Party dressed in brown shirts, black drill trousers and wearing dark ties with swastikas as emblems.

OCH EYE!

NF Fuehrer John Tyndall ventured up to Scotland recently and ended up sporting a black eye. While he spent the afternoon in hospital being stitched-up the rest of his mob were being dogged everywhere they went by up to 150 anti-fascists.

A public meeting held last year in Edinburgh by the NF was picketed by anti-fascist demonstrators and only 50 or so Front supporters managed to get in to the hall. This year the NF are planning to take their fascist policies to Scotland where they are contesting two seats at the next General Election Edinburgh South and Dundee East. They also hope to have candidates at Edinburgh Central, South Angus and Clydebank.

Richard Verrall was given plenty of space in the Guardian recently (June 10 '77) to air the Front's fascist policies. Verrall it seems is upset about the Scots. He sees them as anti-English and also "they allow Asians to move in." It's also his view that Scottish Nationalism isn't nationalism at all, because it doesn't have a race programme. All this the NF were going to expose in a big way!

So the Fuehrer took an entourage to Scotland to tell it like it is. They didn't get off to what you might call a flying start. The Scottish workers just weren't impressed with Tyndall's touching concern! They were positively anti-Front, and that was one in the proverbial eye for Tyndall!

FOOTNOTE

"On one visit we made to Germany for a Nationalist meeting, Tyndall, Carl Harley, Dennis Pirie and I drove across, and as soon as we got across the frontier into Germany, Tyndall made us look for a shoe shop. Then he kept us waiting for an hour while he trampled up and down the shop in his first pair of genuine German jackboots."

Colin Jordan talks about John Tyndall in *The National Front* by Martin Walker

OSWALD, THE PARTY GOER

Action, the paper of the Mosleyite Union Movement spends much of its latest issue doling out praises to Sir Oswald. There is one really funny bit. In an article attacking Enoch Powell it says "when you are part of a team you must remain loyal to it". It is worth noting that Mosley was a member of no less than *five* political parties, including the Labour and Tory Parties, in his efforts to make himself Prime Minister!

NF TURN DOWN PACKED MEETING

When the National Front organiser arrived at the Newcastle Arms in Sutton-in-Ashfield for the NF's public meeting there on May 31, he was told by the landlady: "You've done very well, John. The room is packed."

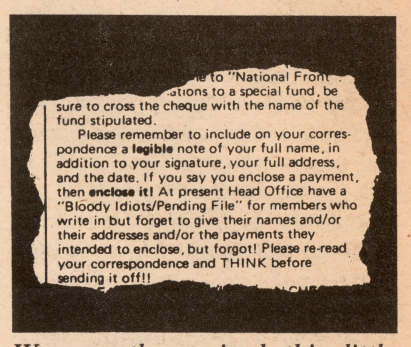
Poor John must have had a shock, however, when he saw that the 40-50 people who had filled the room were local anti-fascists.

When the landlady realised that the meeting taking place in the packed lounge bar was on "How to fight Fascism" she refused to serve drinks, threatened a number of the comrades with a cosh and finally assaulted the speaker as he addressed the meeting.

Meanwhile the half-dozen fascists crept away and locked themselves in the pub's private quarters to hold their meeting!

When the management of a pub is willing to open its doors to fascism, we must be everything possible to ensure that the pub is blacked by trade unionists both on the patronage side and on the delivery and service side.

— *Workers Action June 16 '77*



We recently received this little gem from a friend in Scotland. We thought it might tickle you.

'COULD I INTEREST YOU IN A FASCIST?'

Five people whose names appear on the Bristol National Front election candidate's nomination papers have signed statements calling for an investigation into methods used by the NF to obtain propoers.

To stand in an election a candidate has to be proposed, seconded and backed by eight other signatories.

It appears that the NF in Bristol have been getting the necessary support by door-to-door canvassing, and either withholding information about themselves or openly telling lies.

— *Socialist Worker May 14 '77*

'AN' YOU CALL ME A RACIALIST'

Derek Day, the East End NF activist has been suspended by the Party. Webster, who it is rumoured is "not a close friend of Day's" upset him with the ad. which appeared in a recent *NF News*. When the *London Programme* ran an expose' of the National Front the ad. was shown and read in a mocking Cockney voice. That apparently was the last straw for Day. The following week we heard he had left and the next thing we know he's speaking at a British Movement rally! If there's one thing Day can't stand it's people taking the fuckin' piss. We reprint the ad.

OI! *YOU!*

Photograph/Tony Bock

"If you run one of them Branches what don't pay their NF News bills quick, then you are obstructin' the regular production of the paper — and that makes an' my mates dahn 'Oxton way an' Brick Lane very angry — ter say nuffin' of old Fat Guts at HQ. So I'm telling yer — if you don't pay up double-quick, than me an' a few of the boys are goin' ter go rahnd your place and collect the lolly PERSONALLY..."

On Tuesday 14th June an Old Bailey jury freed two anti-fascists, Roger Burridge, a lawyer, and Michael Fenn, a dockworker, both members of the SWP by returning not guilty verdicts *even before the judge had summed the case up to them*! Roger and Micky were charged with assaulting two members of the National Front "with intent to do them grievous bodily harm". The Front members had been caught sticking racist stickers on the front of Newham Rights Centre "because it was displaying a poster advertising the Race Relations Act".

The trial was chiefly remarkable for the evidence given by the police star witnesses — the Front members themselves! John Wells sporting the blazer of the Sherwood Foresters Regiment, in court said he had definitely been attacked by "no less than eight men" although all the other prosecution witnesses put the number at three or four at the most. He admitted that he attacked Roger Burridge first because "I had been trained by the army in Malaya to do just that", but wouldn't tell any more about his army training because, "it might contravene the Official Secrets Act"! This fine specimen of the master race couldn't bear to admit that he had come off worse in a fight which he had started and so he made this excuse:- "Normally I could have taken on six or seven people because of my unarmed combat training but I was not putting my training into practice that day because I had a cold!"

Despite being "outnumbered" and continually "beaten" by his alleged attackers, Mr Wells agreed that he was able to remove his jacket and roll up his sleeves in the middle of this "attack". The prosecutor told the jury that he could not rely on Wells' evidence for a conviction. The other Front member gave evidence that he didn't think that people would be annoyed if racist stickers were stuck onto their shops because "they had no right to be annoyed if they betrayed their race". Anyway he said: "I don't stick stickers on shop windows except Asian ones". Charmed, I'm sure.

The jury dismissed the prosecution case with the contempt that it deserved but why was the decision to prosecute ever taken?

Mr Wells referred to one of the policemen investigating the case as "Geoff". Could it be that this friendly relationship in any way influenced the police in not bringing charges against the Front?

RACIST CALL THROWN OUT

Britain's biggest union yesterday threw out as "disgracefully racist" a call to halt immigration, in the final session of its biennial conference here.

A motion from a London branch of the transport union said it was a matter of "national urgency" that immigration should cease because of the threat to employment, housing problems and strains on welfare and social services.

General secretary-designate Moss Evans in a special statement said: "Some of the statements we hear today are more reminiscent of anti-Jewish propaganda in pre-war Germany."

He attacked as "nonsensical" the myth that black immigration caused unemployment. "The areas of heaviest unemployment — Scotland, Wales and the North — are those with the fewest black people."

The conference voted unanimously to adopt Mr. Evans' special statement.

— *Morning Star July 9 '77*

TEACHERS PROTEST OVER NF MEETINGS

Teachers in various parts of the country have expressed growing concern at the effects of National Front meetings in schools. Evidence of friction, particularly in multi-racial areas, is being carefully watched.

The Front racist education policy which includes such items as "Separate schools for immigrant children whilst awaiting compulsory repatriation", and "Changing the syllabus to incorporate only British and Empire history" has been condemned by many teachers' organisations.

Staff at Creighton School in Muswell Hill, London wrote to the parents of the pupils at the school disassociating themselves from a Front nomination meeting for the council elections, that was recently held there.

One teacher said that "in the circumstances it's comparable to inviting Hitler to speak in a synagogue".

The National Association for Multi-Racial Education is asking other schools to also make protests.

In Birmingham the NUT has complained to the council over school lettings to racist organisations.

— *Searchlight, Issue 24*

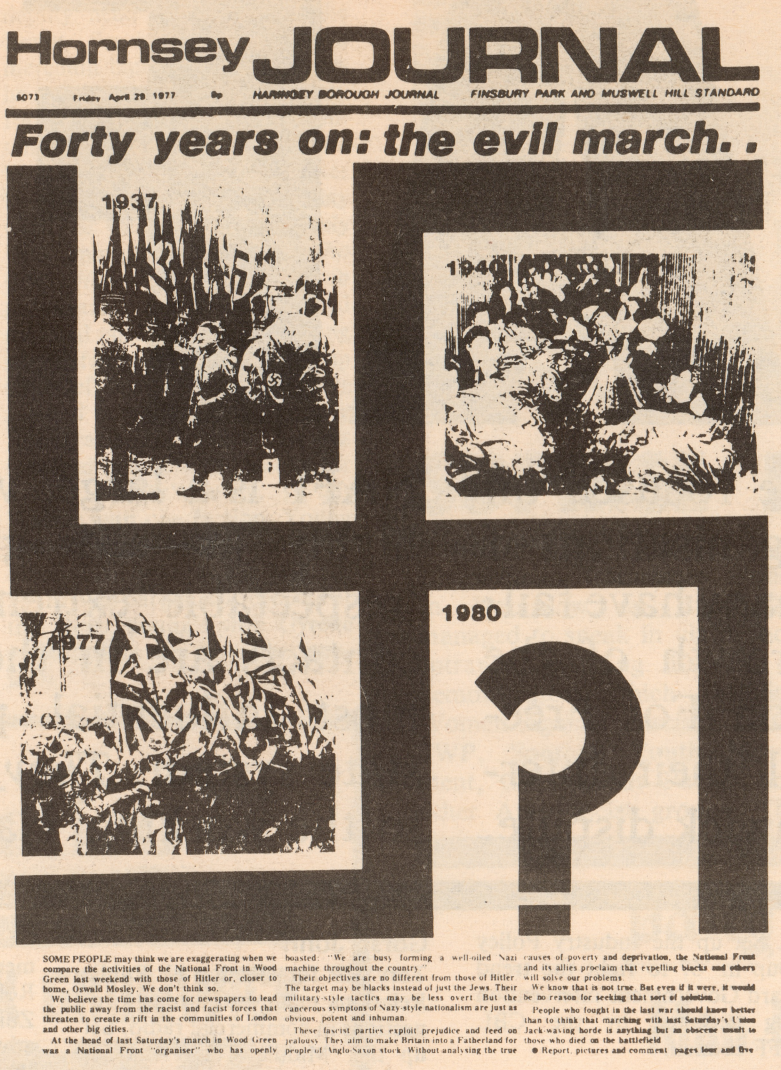
The National Association for Multi-Racial Education can be contacted at 129 Maryland Road, London, N22

LOCAL PAPERS SAY NO TO FRONT

For some time now the press, and in particular the local press, have been sharply criticised for their role in helping to whip up racist sentiments. In recent months however an increasing number of local papers have been speaking out.

Some of them like the Blackburn Lancashire *Evening Telegraph* and *The Leicester Mercury*, have been the subject of perhaps the greatest condemnation. So it is gratifying to report that the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* did an excellent expose of the National Party and its KKK and fascist connections and the *Leicester Mercury* came out strongly against the Front and all it stands for.

In Haringey, scene of the recent clashes between the NF, anti-fascists and police, the *Hornsey Journal* came out with a swastika on its front page and the headline: "Forty years on: the evil march of fascism fouls our streets".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5073 Friday, April 29 1977 6p HARINGEY BOROUGH JOURNAL FINSBURY PARK AND MUSWELL HILL STANDARD

Forty years on: the evil march. .

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SOME PEOPLE may think we are exaggerating when we compare the activities of the National Front in Wood Green last weekend with those of Hitler or, closer to home, Oswald Mosley. We don't think so.

We believe the time has come for newspapers to lead the public away from the racist and facist forces that threaten to create a rift in the communities of London and other big cities.

At the head of last Saturday's march in Wood Green was a National Front "organiser" who has openly boasted: "We are busy forming a well-oiled Nazi machine throughout the country."

Their objectives are no different from those of Hitler. The target may be blacks instead of just the Jews. Their military-style tactics may be less overt. But the cancerous symptons of Nazy-style nationalism are just as obvious, potent and inhuman.

These fascist parties exploit prejudice and feed on jealousy. They aim to make Britain into a Fatherland for people of Anglo-Saxon stock. Without analysing the true causes of poverty and deprivation, the National Front and its allies proclaim that expelling blacks and others will solve our problems.

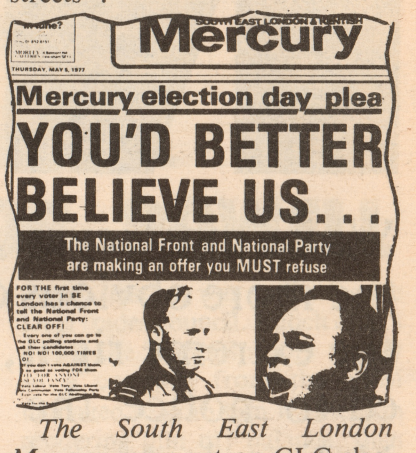
We know that is not true. But even if it were, it would be no reason for seeking that sort of solution.

People who fought in the last war should know better than to think that marching with last Saturday's Union Jack-waving horde is anything but an obscene insult to those who died on the battlefield.

● Report, pictures and comment pages four and five

..of fascism fouls our streets

The South East London Mercury came out on GLC election day with a full front page pleading with the electorate to vote against the NF and NP, an inside page expose of fascism from the 1930s to the present day and black borders on every page saying "vote against the racialists".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Mercury election day plea

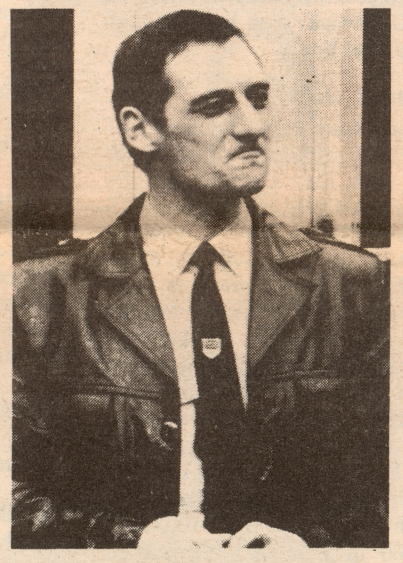
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE US...

The National Front and National Party are making an offer you MUST refuse

All reports on the *Hackney Gazette* refused to work, as a matter of conscience, rather than write for an issue which carried a National Front advertisement.

— Searchlight, Issue 25

NF PRISON OFFICERS



During the demonstrations to get Andy Strouthous out of Pentonville, a number of prison officers came to the wall to watch. Two pickets went over to talk to them. Both the comrades had dark hair and dark features. A prison officer suggested that "foreigners should think themselves lucky to be able to demonstrate in this country at all". When that argument was taken up the prison officer and his master flashed their National Front insignias.

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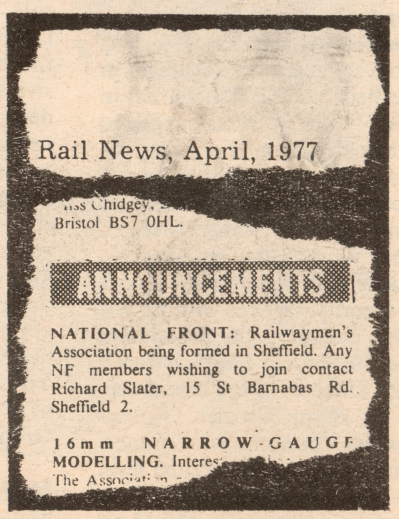
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL FRONT: Railwaymen's Association being formed in Sheffield. Any NF members wishing to join contact Richard Slater, 15 St Barnabas Rd. Sheffield 2.

16mm NARROW-GAUGE MODELLING. Interes...

"The National Front Railwaymen's Association, an organisation established by NF trade unionists working for British Rail, is making good progress and extending its membership throughout the country. A branch at Leeds City Station has been established under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Frank Burden.

Derby City Branch has distributed over a thousand NFRA leaflets to rail workers on their way home from the vast Derby works complex.

From the Latest Edition of Spearhead

CLOSE!

The Film and Television technicians' union, ACTT, narrowly defeated a motion to black National Front and National Party political broadcasts at its recent annual conference.

In the context of the general move to the right in the union (the right-wing had successfully overturned the union's progressive South Africa policy earlier in the day), the closeness of the vote on the NP/NF ban was heartening, 74 voted in favour, and 84 against.

What was not heartening was the contribution of a self-proclaimed National Front shop steward, John Perryman of Reed Laboratories, who stood for the NF in Peckham for the GLC elections.

— *Searchlight, Issue 24*

NEW GROUP

Asian, West Indian and Jewish organisations have formed a united group to fight the National Front.

"The Local Government elections in Leicester showed that the National Front vote goes down if there is a sustained campaign against them," said a spokesman for the organisations now ranged against the National Front.

The organisations include the Standing Conference of Pakistani Organisations, the West Indian Standing Conference, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Indian Workers' Association of Southall and the Federation of Bangladeshi Associations.

— *Guardian May 20 '77*

DEPORTATION VICTORY

MIKE WELLS

After serving 12 months of an 18-month sentence Wayne Williams, a 21-year-old black youth has been released from Pentonville prison. He was awaiting deportation to Antigua the punishment meted out to him last year for *handling* stolen records. The deportation order was made on him even though his own parents live in London and he has no living relatives in Antigua.

Wayne's release is a victory for the people who have campaigned for his freedom. Now that the Home Secretary has correctly reconsidered this case, it remains to be seen if he will take a look at the many hundreds of people still awaiting deportation in British jails ... all of them put there as a result of the racist laws in this country.

NAFF

While most eyes are focused on the more obvious organisations of the extreme right, many have failed to notice the growth of the National Association For Freedom (NAFF), until their intervention in the Grunwick dispute.

NAFF is a large, well-organised, highly-financed group of the 'respectable' extreme right. *Their* contacts are in the highest and most influential places in the state system. *They* are the threat to the working class.

NAFF is secretive about its support and publishes only a list of council members. It publishes a fortnightly paper called *Free Nation* from its headquarters at 11, Grape Street, London, W1 (behind Centre Point). Financial backing according to the organisation, comes from its membership. Three companies have donated money according to their annual reports. Steel wire producer Bridon, Consolidated Goldfields with its many interests in South Africa, and the battery company Ever Ready.

Among the organisations that work with NAFF are — Aims For Freedom And Enterprise, the National Federation of the Self Employed and the National Federation of Building Trades Employers.

NAFF's role in maintaining Ward's position in the Grunwick dispute has become so large that it is easy to forget their previous involvements —

- High Court injunction to free cars in the Eagle Ferry dispute.
- Legal support for the Tory council's campaign against comprehensive schools in Tameside.
- Closed shop "victims" taken to European cour rights.
- Injunction on Gr boycott.
- Demonstrations Ponomarev's visit Labour Party.
- Injunction to workers boycotting Africa during the w rity.
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- "We Name the M Labour Party" campaign.

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Alderson, John

Former Commandant of the Bramshill National Police College, Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard. At present Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall. In a report by Janke of a visit to Bramshill in '72 by Alderson, in '72 Janke was quoted as saying "The police college and even the police itself have a certain autonomy derived from daily decision making, and that small steps along new paths could in fact be made without prior consultation."

Amery, Julian

Tory MP. NAFF Council

Bedser, Alec

Former England cricketer and current chair of England cricket selectors. Director of Straker-Bedser Ltd., stationers and office equipment manufacturers. OBE. NAFF council.

Birdwood, Dowager Lady Jane

Tory Party, Monday Club and friend of the NF. A racist who has been active in the 'Halt the Immigration' lobby for several years. Started 'Self Help' with Ross McWhirter, to supply scabs to employers hit by strikes as at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford. 'Self Help' offered £60,000 for the conviction of the IRA bombers. Backed Current Affairs Press.

Boyson, Rhodes

Tory MP and the country's leading champion of 'privilege in the schools'. Editor of the *Black Paper* education document encouraging the scrapping of comprehensive education. On Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet. NAFF council.

Braine, John

Writer. Previously involved with General Walker's Civil Assistance. NAFF council.

Brooke, Lord

Self described as "born with the Union Jack stitched into my navel". Life President of Guest Keen and Nettlefolds. It gave £25,000 to the Tory party last year. NAFF council.

Bukovsky, Vladimir

Playwright and Russian dissident. Spoke at the inaugural dinner of NAFF.

Chambers, Sir Paul

Ex-CBI Chief. Former head of ICI. Set up the Industry Policy Group in '67 to fight the trend toward Government intervention being accepted by the CBI. NAFF council.

Churchill, Winston

Tory MP who fought the workers at Automat when they were on strike. On Thatcher Shadow Cabinet. NAFF council.

Crozier, Brian

Former editor of the *Economist* 'Foreign Report'. Founded Forum World Features. Director of the British section of the Institute for the Study of Conflict. At the same time involved in counter-insurgency discussions at the highest level. Introduced to NAFF by Robert Moss. Often writes in *Free Nation* . NAFF council.

Current Affairs Press

Started by Ross McWhirter. Set up to print a national newspaper in the event of a general strike — 3 million papers a day independent of union control. Paid for the Ross McWhirter ad. in '75 "Time To Stand Up To The Unions." The press was backed by Dowager Lady Jane Birdwood.

Denman, D.R. Professor

Professor of Land Economy at Cambridge. "Property speculation is part of normal commercial life." NAFF council.

Forum World Features

Set up in the '60s by Brian Crozier. An information unit masquerading as a News Agency. Shut up shop very suddenly in '75 when it was exposed as an outright CIA propaganda front. Had contacts high up in the British establishment, like the Cabinet Office.

Foster, Sir John

Former Tory MP. "The public should form an organisation strong enough to equal the pressures of the unions." NAFF council.

Friedman, Milton

Nobel Prizewinner economist, whose followers in this country centre on the 'Institute for Economic Affairs'. His ideas are largely behind the economic policies of the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile. NAFF's economic guru.

Gilbert, Ian H.

Chair of Wilkinson Match — 17 subsidiaries in South Africa. NAFF council.

Gorst, John

Tory MP for Hendon N. Public Relations man with strong connections in commercial radio. Set up the 'Middle Class Association'. Left when it fused with NAFF. George Ward's chief adviser at Grunwick. First to raise in Parliament the Post Office blacking last August, which was eventually lifted after a high court injunction. Rides on the Grunwick 'scab bus' through the picket line.

Gouriet, John

Administrative Director of NAFF. Grabbed his first headline with the 'Current Affairs Press' "MOVE TO FREE CARS TRAPPED BY CROSS CHANNEL FERRY SERVICE". Like Grunwicks, they were on strike. Ex-Army Major. Left the Ministry of Defence after being refused permission to write to the *Daily Telegraph*, condemning excessive Government spending. In Jan '77 he claimed that NAFF was receiving £1,000 a day in donations, and that membership had leapt from 10,000 to 15,000 in Feb '77. Adviser to Ward at Grunwicks. Organised the clandestine delivery of 1,000 sacks of mail from Grunwick, with the help of 250 NAFF members and supporters, all over the country. Members described this operation named "Pony Express" as "a victory for freedom — the best thing since Entebbe." NAFF council.

The Institute for the Study of Conflict

Founded in 1970. Usually concerns itself with military issues and closely follows the theories of counter insurgency expert Kitson. Infiltrated police colleges — Bramshill Police Training college, and army establishments — Porton Down Warfare Research Centre. Circulated a document in '74 called "sources of Conflict in British Industry". This suggested the blacklisting and sacking of communists and subversives. A direct descendant, personnel and to some extent finance wise, of Forum World Features. Has had contacts with right-wing regimes and security services around the world, including the Rhodesian Secret Police and South Africa's BOSS. Director of the British section is Brian Crozier. Robert Moss has connections. Contacts extend to no less an exalted level than the Cabinet Office. In America a section was started up in '74. Friends include former CIA man Kermitt Roosevelt, former Vietnam 'Pacification' Chief Robert Komer and Professor Zbigniew, Brzezinski, security advisor to Jimmy Carter. All on the Institute council in America.

Ivens, Michael

Member of Aims for Freedom and Enterprise. NAFF council.

Janke, Peter

Research Officer for the Institute for the Study of Conflict. Spoke on 'Urban Terrorism' at Bramshill Police College. His fee was paid by the Home Office Professor at Cardiff University. Has also spoken at the Senior Command course on behalf of NAFF. In the same month he spoke at a top-security, heavily-vetted conference of 50 officers from the crack SAS divisions, whose main job is counter-terrorism. NAFF council.

Knight, Jill

Tory MP and anti-abortion campaigner. NAFF council.

Le Bailly, Vice Admiral Sir Louis

Until recently Director General of Intelligence in the Ministry of Defence. NAFF council.

L'Isle, Lord de

Chair of Phoenix Assurance Co. Donated £7,500 to the Tory Party funds last year. Offered ex-Police Chief Robert Mark a job in Phoenix Assurance recently. Chair of NAFF. NAFF council.

Mark, Sir Robert

Anti-union. Ex-Metropolitan Commissioner for Police. Offered a job by Lord de L'Isle in Phoenix Assurance. Had a profound effect upon the police — adopted a far more political role than his predecessor. For instance in March '75 he claimed that the police had shown "excessive tolerance" in dealing with demonstrators. In future, if necessary, they must be prepared to meet "force with force" Since he took over, a number of special squads have been set up and equipped to deal with militant industrial action and major demonstrations. The police are gradually developing the ability to perform many functions which were previously the sole province of the Army eg the Special Patrol Group.

McWhirter, Norris

Twin brother of Ross. Worked on the *Guiness Book of Records.* Helped found NAFF. NAFF council and leading light

McWhirter, Ross

Along with twin brother Norris was usually known as the brains behind the *Guiness Book of Records*. Helped set up 'Self Help' with Birdwood. Took large ads in the Guardian (June 19 '75) and other daily papers calling on bankers, businesses, and such like to counter the 'power of the Unions' the gravest of all menaces to the well-being of Great Britain. Titled 'Time to Stand up to the Unions', it included a plan to break the rail strike. It was financed (£952) by the Current Affairs Press. Set up by McWhirter with Birdwood's help. Shot on his doorstep in Dec. '75. Shortly after his death, NAFF was started by Robert Moss and Norris McWhirter. Ross McWhirter is still however regarded by some as the founding martyr of NAFF. He did help draw up the existing NAFF "Charter of Freedom."

Middle Class Association

Set up by John Gorst in '74. Helped by Robert Moss and William Shelton. Threw itself into a campaign to replace Tory leader Heath with Thatcher. Hounded Press, Television, Army and Police Officers, and MPs to throw their weight behind Thatcher, Merged with NAFF.

Mitchell, David

Chair of Small Business Bureau. An official Tory Party organisation. Director of El Vino's, a bar in Fleet St., which still refuses to serve women. NAFF council.

Moss, Robert

Son of a senior Officer in Australian Military Intelligence. Ex-CIA. 1973 succeeded Brian Crozier at the Economist as Editor of "Foreign Report". 1972 worked for The Institute for the Study of Conflict'. Supported the overthrow of the Allende Govt. in Chile in '73 and longed for the day "when a British Pinochet could come to power. Worked for Forum World Features who commissioned his book *Chile's Marxist Experiment* published by *Rossiter Publications.* Writes some of Margaret Thatcher's speeches including her "Iron Maiden Speech". Supports the demands for the introduction of identity cards. Taken on by NAFF as its Hon. Director. Then introduced Crozier, ensuring the connection with the Institute for the Study of the highest level. Le spokesman. NAF Prolific writer in press. Has recently u of the *Daily Telegra* lar to attack the "le as he sees it of Pe and the Grunwick ing their right to union. Described als cal Warfare Export publication *The Democracy* is a vie in 1985 under a So When Thatcher wo for leadership of th over Heath, backe Middle Class Asso letter to a friend "w it, and the period immensely challengi Party clearly is going is a strong infusion Tory popularism". the main problem the Tories was the Unions and 'any rig worth its salt would them on.'

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Daily Telegraph Correspondent. Fea *Free Nation*.

Ridley, Nicholas

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Rogers, Budge

Former England star. OBE. NAFF c

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Smith, Ernest

President of the National Association of Building Trade Employers. NAFF council.

Sproat, Iain

Scottish Tory MP. Volunteer rifle man for the Green Jackets. Initiated a campaign called ''Stop the Scroungers''. Believed the land was swarming with thousands of 'scroungers' on the Social Security. Disproved by the House of Commons Enquiry. He made a speech recently declaring Sidney Bidwell, Audrey Wise, Ian Mikardo, and Michael Foot were ''fellow travellers'' and a ''threat to security''. The papers which reported this speech have had to settle out of court to avoid being sued by the MPs concerned. Recently returned to the ''scroungers'' argument. Also believes in a ''complete halt to immigration — enough is enough'', and a return to capital punishment.

Taylor, Sir Frank

Managing Director of Taylor Woodrow. ''The reason for NAFF is that the day has passed when you could feel totally secure about the free enterprise system. For the time being, the system is under attack.'' Held first NAFF conference at his Co. Donated £27,000 to the Tory Party funds last year. NAFF council.

Tebbit, Norman

Tory MP. NAFF council.

Templer, Sir Gerald

Former Chief of Army Staff and counter-revolutionary expert. Fought the Communists in Malaysia. NAFF council.

Thatcher, Margaret

Attended the inaugural dinner of NAFF on Jan 27 '77 at the Grosvenor Park. Fellow speakers were Boyson and Churchill for the NAFF council. Never a member of NAFF. Over Grunwicks she has supplied support for NAFF whenever it was needed, although her *official* Party policy toward the Unions is one of co-operation and consultation! Her speeches are often written by NAFF man Robert Moss, the most famous being her ''Iron Maiden Speech'' attacking Russia.

Thompson, Sir Robert

Was adviser to Nixon and Kissinger on Vietnam. One of the world's most influential counter-insurgency experts. Believes thatr the police should be equipped to take on civil unrest. Invited to lecture at Bramshill College. Writer on guerilla warfare and counter-insurgency. Had one book published by Forum World Features in the'60.s. It sold only 1,800. NAFF council.

Walker, Sir Walter

Former Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe and Commander of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) and NATO. Hit the headlines in August '74 when he launched his ''Action Group'', Civil Assistance. Described by many as a private citizens army. Colonel Stirling formed a similar organisation at the time. They would provide, on a volunteer basis, the minimum manpower necessary to cope with the immediate crisis following a general strike, or just before one. Walker's CA is still active. It has a newspaper, the *British Defender*, and a twice-monthly newsletter, *International Summary* mailed to subscribers in Westminster and Whitehall. It warns of the ''enemy within and without — the domination of the Western world by Communism''.

Watson, Rev. Basil

Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, London. OBE, RN. NAFF council.

Worsthorne, Peregrine

Deputy editor of the *Sunday Telegraph* and right wing columnist. Suggested in the *Telegraph* that 'the Tribune Group should be imprisoned en masse' and on television that a right wing dictatorship should be imposed to solve Britain's economic crisis.' Wrote a book for 'Aims of Industry'.

Young, George

Prospective Tory candidate for Brent East in '76. European director for Kleinwort Benson. Served in Military Intelligence during the war. Became a journalist for a short spell. Joined the Foreign Office, then the Ministry of Defence where he became deputy head of MI6. Left the Secret Service to become a merchant banker. For four years he was chairman of the 'Society for Individual Freedom'. Contender for the chair of the Monday Club, which he left after he was defeated. In the Monday Club he was concerned mainly with immigration. Wrote *Who Goes Home*?, a Monday Club publication and attracted national publicity with a meeting on ''defence cuts'' and the ''grip of the left on the BBC''. Since then assisted in starting the ''Halt the Immigration Campaign''. He was involved in a split in General Sir Walter Walker's army. It left Walker with one faction, Young and Ross McWhirter with the other. It is believed the idea for NAFF was particularly evolved at this time. Young's wife Gyreke published an anti-Jewish pamphlet in '72.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY PAPER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FREEDOM

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"Collective evil must not triumph over democratic right"

WHY WE BACK GRUNWICK

Basic issues of freedom are at stake in Grunwick's, the photographic processing plant that is being besieged by militant Left-wingers and strikers. The Left-wing press has embarked on an all-out campaign of smears against the Grunwick management and NAFF, which has backed Grunwick from the start.

Seldom have so many outright lies and distortions filled the air during an industrial dispute as in the Grunwick affair. Accusations of all sorts have been hurled by the unions and the Labour Movement, presenting a horrendous picture of the conditions, the position of the management and the views of the employees at Grunwicks. Unfortunately, few newspapers have set out the basic facts.

What is at stake?

Grunwick's Managing Director, George Ward, is not eager for the unionisation of his factory staff, but has repeatedly stated his willingness to recognise a union if a majority of his employees want to join. "You can't work properly with people on the basis of force", he says, "Only on the basis of persuasion and fairness".

The Origins of the Strike

The strike began when an employee called Devshi Bhudia was fired back in August 1976. Originally it had nothing to do with the question of union recognition. Bhudia had been threatened with dismissal repeatedly as a result of his unsatisfactory work. He virtually challenged the management to sack him. Other workers came out on strike in sympathy with

Grantham: the man the workers don't want

him. Then Roy Grantham's union, Apex, (Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff) muscled in on the act. It gave the strikers retrospective membership and offered strike pay of £33 per week. Trotskyists and other Left-wing militants came pouring into Willesden to exploit the dispute for all the publicity they could get. Strike leaders and activists like Mahmood Ahmed (secretary of the strike committee) had held jobs at Grunwick's for only a few weeks before they went on strike. Others involved, like Jack Dromey, the secretary of the Brent Trades Council, have long records of agitation and arrests in industrial disputes.

Who is on Strike?

If you visit the picket lines, you will find a lot of long-haired Trots, but only a handful of former Grunwick employees. It is true that 137 Grunwick employees (46 of whom were students and temporary workers) out of a total work force of 470 walked out. But some strikers now seem to regret a decision taken in haste and in confusion as what had occurred. Most people at Grunwick's did not want to strike — and the fact that so many of them continue to turn up to work, running the gauntlet of violent pickets, underlines their determined solidarity in the face of minority agitation and coercion.

What about ACAS?

The Left has made great play out of George Ward's refusal to allow the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) to hold a ballot on the employees' wishes. However, such a ballot was conducted in the factory. Market and Opinion Research International (MORI), a highly reputable organisation which has done work for the Labour Party, accepted Mr. Ward's invitation to conduct a poll. No intimidation from the management was brought to bear on the workers, who voted in complete anonymity. ACAS's own balloting procedures were followed scrupulously. In contrast, however, MORI condemned ACAS's own questionnaire as "appallingly bad, biased, full of jargon and leading questions". This was quoted in Labour Weekly, on 22nd April. So much for the claim by Roy Grantham that MORI's poll was the "most crooked ballot ever".

Picketing is allowed "for the purpose only of peacefully obtaining or communicating information"

How NAFF came in

NAFF entered the story when Tom Jackson's Union of Post Office Workers (UPW) attempted, in sympathy with APEX, to impose a ban on mail deliveries to Grunwick — a sinister example of industrial blackmail which could have financially ruined the company. It was NAFF's seeking of a high court injunction which caused UPW to back down and halt its interference with the mail.

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Ward confers with Gouriet

ADVERTISERS SURRENDER TO UNIONS

Members of the advertising industry have hit out at the decision of leading employers to acquiesce in trade union demands. A directors-only, strictly confidential memorandum dated June 20 from the Incorporated Practitioners in Advertising urges directors to form an employers association to seek to negotiate with SLADE and NGA on suitable agreements.

The document was being described in London as a "sell-out". John Lockyer, Secretary of Freedom in Advertising, said: "This is the betrayal that FIA has feared of many thousands of advertising workers".

The IPA surrender follows the introduction of the unions' "Fair List" which authorises printers and processors to handle work only from approved sources and customers.

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"... an ACAS man who claims to be acting impartially ... should be dropped like a hot potato; he is either disregarding his duty or he is intentionally deceiving you — and either way that makes him a blackguard."

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Photograph/Andrew Wiard Report

Gouriet lurking behind the door at Grunwick

Photograph/Minda

SUPRISE FOR POWELL

Powell who was speaking at a Chamber of Commerce dinner in Hounslow on June 22, managed to sneak in via a back entrance, avoiding 100 or so demonstrators which included Women Against Fascism, IMG, SWP, Southall Youth Movement, CP, Labour Parties and other Anti-Fascist groups. The demonstration was called by the local trades council. Enoch didn't avoid the demonstrators totally — a comrade from the SYM managed to grab him by the arm rendering him off balance, then gave him a very well deserved earfull, much to the annoyance of the local police who weren't there in time to stop him.

Daily Mail

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977 — 8p (CHANNEL ISLANDS 7p)

Man is axed to death in garden

A YOUNG man was axed to death in the front garden of his home last night.

He died after a violent argument with his attacker, a coloured man, who lived in the same terraced house in Adys Road, Peckham, SE, together with a number of other men.

Greengrocer Mr Brian Burdett, 37, who lives nearby, said: 'There was a hell of a row coming from the garden ... the two men were screaming at each other.

'One of them laid into the other with an axe.

'Two small boys riding past on their bikes saw it all, and the one who did the killing chased them up the road screaming his head off at them. They went straight home and told their dad.'

Search

The dead man, who was white, and in his 20s, is believed to have been a lodger at the house, in the middle of a long Victorian terrace.

Two hours after the killing, the dead man's body was still in the garden, while police searched the area. On the front garden wall was a nearly-new axe.

Detective - Inspector John Spears said: 'A number of people have been interviewed in the house, and a number have been taken to Peckham police station. We are looking for a murderer.'

Police were also looking for a white Ford Anglia with a distinctive red stripe which is believed to have been used by the killer as a getaway vehicle.

Adys Road was cordoned off. Two - thirds of its occupants are coloured, and residents say there have been a number of incidents between blacks and whites.

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM SOUTHWARK CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM

ON FRIDAY 3 JUNE THERE WAS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW THE PRESS DISTORTS THE NEWS TO CREATE RACIAL TENSION WHERE THERE WAS NONE PREVIOUSLY.

This particular story appeared on the front page of the *Daily Mail* — a paper well known for its *accurate reporting* and its *high standards of journalism* — under the headline ''*Man axed to death in garden*''.

The *real* facts of the incident are somewhat different to those reported in the *Daily Mail*.

1) The alleged murderer — who has been detained by the police — is in fact white (and to give the police their due they *did* make house to house calls in the street to refute the *Daily Mail* story).
2) The information that has come to SCARF is that the victim was killed by a stab wound near the heart — *not* axed to death as the Daily Mail says.
3) A member of SCARF who lives in Adys Road has not heard of the two children who were — according to the Mail — chased down the Road by the murderer.
4) Adys Road has a minority of black people among its residents and the *only* recent incident of any note involving blacks and whites in the street was when two white painters rescued an Asian man from a burning house.

The *Daily Mail* obviously felt that this story would have more news value if it had racial overtones (or could it be that they just didn't bother to check their facts — again) and have therefore slanted their reporting to that end. This is particularly disgusting as the murder was quite gruesome enough as it stood.
The fact that the murder victim was himself an anti-fascist and a member of one of SCARF's affiliate organisations makes this distortion *doubly* distasteful.

SCARF has already referred this matter to the National Union of Journalists as a breach of that Union's guidlines for reporting on racial issues (the fact that the race or colour of the parties concerned was needlessly mentioned is *itself* in breach of these guidelines let alone the factual inaccuracies) and a complaint to the Press Council is being considered.

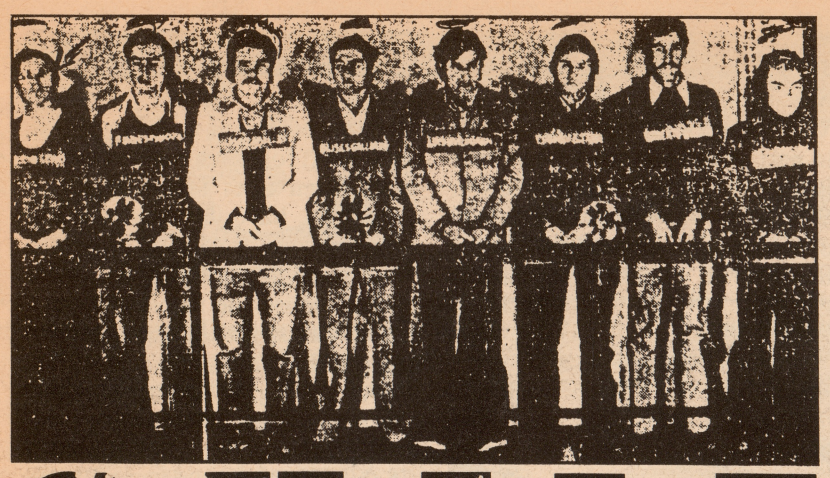
REPORTING LIKE THIS LEADS TO TENSION AND CONFLICT AND SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY LOCAL ANTI-FASCIST / ANTI - RACIST GROUPS WHEREVER IT IS NOTICED.

Photographs/Andrew Wiard Report

GRUNWICK
'GET THAT COLOURED ONE'

"All of a sudden I was surrounded by three or four of the beast. They got me by my legs and arms and they got hold of my back too. I was dragged off and thrown into the police van along side this white girl whose head smashed against the van steps. She was lying in the van stunned and crying".

- Flame, July '77



CHILE

THE FOLLOWING IS AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF 8 YOUNG CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, RECEIVED BY THE *CHARTIST* AND PUBLISHED IN THEIR JUNE 77 EDITION. WE REPRINT IT IN FULL.

"Most of your readers will be aware of the terrible repression unleashed by the Chilean Military Junta since their right-wing military coup that toppled the government of Salvador Allende Gossens on Sept. 11th 1973. Thousands were shot and tortured, at the hands of the different branches of military intelligence. Also many met their deaths in concentration camps. The dull thud of General Pinochet's meat cleaver continued until 1974 when torture and other forms of repression became more systematic with the formation of DINA (National Intelligence Directorate). DINA's task was the coordination of the various military intelligence branches into a textbook Gestapo.

DINA drew on the most competent and 'proved' tortures of the military plus the Patria y Libertad (Fatherland and Freedom), a Fascist paramilitary organisation. There are also a few prima-donnas like H. Tuano, a psychologist and 'academic' doing research into psychological torture, plus a few practical Brazilians who came to fame with their use of dentists' drills to break people's teeth in Brazil. The CIA is also believed to have acted in an advisory capacity with Walter Rauff, an old German Nazi leader to complete the spectrum.

1976 saw a shift in the Junta's tactics of repression thanks to international solidarity actions which exposed the regime's barbarism, and some of the Junta's friends became increasingly embarassed, notably the President of the United States. Thus in January 1976 the Junta passed a decree, 'protecting human rights'; it received its reward in May of that year when US treasury secretary Simon granted it 90 million dollars economic aid, further indirect aid was received through US financial institutions making a grand total of 1.8 billion dollars.

From then on, the Junta developed a tendency towards a two-pronged method of repression: first, secret prisoners, and second, prisoners on trumped-up charges of being common criminals, thus reducing the official statistics for political prisoners. Chile's secret prisoners have become the norm rather than isolated cases. In January 1974 3% of prisoners who were arrested then disappeared. By August of the same year over 50% had 'disappeared'. Readers who would like more detailed information about this should obtain the recent pamphlet 'Chile's Secret Prisoners' from the Chile Committee for Human Rights: 1 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1.

I would like to pay particular attention to an example of the second category of prisoner, so that your readers can judge how much credence to put on the Junta's Human Rights stance. In March this year eight young Chilean workers were arrested in Santiago. Their names are: Fernando Espinosa, Ulises Galardo, Eliseo Aballes G., Eugenio Bizama C. Luis Guilodran M., Roberto Vasquez, Raul Jimenez R., and Mario Victor Leivo Castro. They were handed over to DINA and savagely tortured. Here is an extract from a letter describing their treatment:

'Regarding their tortures, I didn't mean that I couldn't describe them in the grammatical sense, but it is difficult to make people believe how dreadful they are. Anyway, I will describe them now: electrical shocks all over the body, especially in the more sensitive parts, the genitals and the anus. The DINA introduced a copper tube into the anus and then applied the electric current mercilessly — simultaneously they tightened with a pincher the testicles and penis. Electrical currents were put through the ears, lips, and both temples, as well as the more sophisticated psychological torture. This torture lasted four days, they were tortured at half-hourly intervals throughout 24 hours. The wives of the prisoners who were also incarcerated were threatened with being raped in front of their husbands.'

In spite of these young men being accused by a major Chilean newspaper of being political prisoners the Military Fiscal handed them over to the anonymity of Santiago's civil prison.

As your paper has had a much more consistent position on defending human rights than many papers with many times your resources we hope that you will once again give practical assistance in publishing the names of these eight young men. Hackney Branch of the National Union of Public Employees has acted swiftly in attempting to gain further information as to their treatment. We hope all your readers in the Labour Movement, through their trade unions, Political Parties, Student Unions or Solidarity Committees, where they exist, will publish these names so that the Junta will know that the outside world is aware of their barbarism, and that one day they must account for their crimes in full."

WOMAN'S OWN IS RACIST

If you had picked up *Woman's Own* about a month ago, you would have seen an article which began by bracketing together what the magazine called the "Horrifying facts of modern life which menace women today — squatting, mugging, and rape." The stories in the article are supposedly based on *true* accounts but they are completely unrealistic.

It is the mugging article which we will concentrate on here, because it more or less assumes that all 'muggings' are carried out by black youth.

The article takes the form of an interview with a woman living in Battersea who is brutally 'mugged' by two black youths. There is an illustration of the black kids kicking the woman. When the woman phones the police after she is attacked, she is told that the youths are known because they have "carried out five 'muggings' already that same week — purely for money!" She then claims that she cannot identify them with any certainty anyway!! Declaring that she is in no way a racist, she goes on to say, "if I see a group of young blacks in the street, I's terrified".

Not content with portraying black youth as "terrifying" the article goes on to portray them as potential rapists. The woman's daughter is surrounded by a group of "coloured lads" in a playground, punched and kicked, and dragged on to a roof where she is *almost* raped. This time the police say they are "reluctant" to "make too much of it because it would only aggravate the already difficult situation in the district".

It is hard to believe that the police would *ever* make little of anything involving black youth, when they arrest them every day under the 'SUS' laws.

Emotional blackmail is used to justify racism — "how will my daughter feel when she is attracted to her first boyfriend? Only time will tell the effect on an innocent teenager".

THIS ARTICLE ASSUMES THAT BLACK YOUTH ARE THE ONLY 'MUGGERS' AND RAPISTS THERE ARE. What effect does garbage like this have on the already appalling attitude of the police and society in general to black youth? To what extent does it enhance the existing media image of black youth AUTOMATICALLY BEING CRIMINAL?

ZIMBABWE

Gordon Thomas Woods, a former Grenadier Guard, went to join the white forces in Zimbabwe in August of last year, where he quickly won promotion to platoon commander. Woods admits to the murder of at least 16 unarmed Africans.

He has confirmed that the Selous Scouts (Smith's paramilitary unit) massacred the seven priests and nuns at the Mission on February 13th. He said that the threads on the soles of the boots of the white Rhodesian army (called takkis) were identical to those found at the scene of the murders. He also stated that the Smith regime hated the missionaries for helping the black people.

Illustration/Jonathan Collinson

"It was common knowledge that the Selous Scouts had gone in and wiped them out," he said. Hundreds of innocent Africans are gunned down by the white forces, and their bodies taken in helicopters and dropped into the Zambezi river where, Woods states, "they are fed to the crocodiles," These numbers are then added to the numbers of freedom fighters Smith claims are shot by his troops. The only crime of the murdered Africans was that they were out after 6.00 p.m. This is curfew time for black people. It is still day time, and there may still be work to be done, cattle to be brought in. Woods says that his platoon murdered one 16-year-old black child, who was out herding in the peoples' cattle.

He also tells of atrocities committed by the Rhodesian Special Branch in the isolated interrogation camp at Mount Darwin, "that's where Special Branch torture their suspects, even cutting off their hands and toes" he admitted.

Woods gave himself up to British police because he was being sought for some driving offences. Legally as Rhodesia is still a British colony he should have been charged with murder, but it is doubtful whether that will happen. The whole story was suppressed by the British media after calls by the Shadow Chancellor Sir Geoffrey Howe for press aid in the war propaganda against "guerrilla groups such as the IRA or ZIPA".

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RACIST DOCTOR GETS OFF EASY

Last year, a doctor in Uniontown, Alabama, ripped three fresh stitches from the arm of Melvin Armstrong, a 14 year old black youth, when he found out that the young man did not have the $25 to pay for them. When the Armstrong family sued the doctor for $50,000 for malpractice, an all-white jury awarded them only $20, the amount they paid to another doctor to restitch their son's arm.

On April 11, after a new trial, a jury awarded the Armstrongs $5,000. But their lawyer said that the family may appeal against this ruling too.

A.I.M.

Leonard Peltier, a leader of the American Indian Movement has been convicted of first-degree murder, after he allegedly shot two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975. There were no witnesses to the shootings and Peltier was not even accused of *actually killing anyone*, just "aiding and abetting" the alleged killers ... good enough for the FBI to bring a charge of first-degree murder.

Since 1973, the FBI has maintained a reign of terror on the reservation. Dozens of Indians have been killed and *virtually none* of the cases have been solved. The FBI are now using the deaths of their two agents to frame up militants such as Peltier in their latest step in the continuing repression of Native American activists.

An example of just what the state thinks of American Indians was clearly defined when a bar owner in Arizona gunned down an 18-year-old Apache after a political argument in his bar. HE WAS GIVEN SEVEN YEARS PROBATION.

LETTERS

Dear Comrades,
Recently the Nazi British Movement held a meeting in Hoxton Market in Shoreditch. Thinking there would be a counter-demo, I attended. Arriving at the market I found *no* counter-demo — I was later told that I had missed it. I passed the Admiral Kepple pub, where the Nazis were gathering to find approximately 40 of them giving Nazi salutes to photographers. I bought a newspaper and an LP. By the time I had made the purchases the British Movement had moved further down the market, where they were having their meeting *unopposed*. Michael McLaughlin the British Movement leader was spouting the usual racist filth. I did not stop to hear their latest recruit, Derek Day.

This thug terrorises parts of East London with a band of heavies. Several times he has been charged with various crimes of violence including possession of offensive weapons and criminal damage (*Hackney Gazette* January 7 '77), but witnesses have been too frightened to come forward.

East London, particularly around Brick Lane, has been the source scene of vicious attacks on the Bengali community. One man nearly had an ear severed, and another was nearly strangled with a piece of wire. The racists and fascists have been able to sink their roots into the community by working in community organisations such as tenants' associations — Derek Day sits on a tenants' committee, as chair thug.

The anti-fascists have a hard dangerous job to do. It is *suicide* for a few individuals to try and approach local people in the area. A strategy has to be worked out to bring in as many anti-fascists as possible.

Yours
J. J. (AUEW) Surrey

Dear Comrade,
Congratulations on the publication of your 1st issue of CARF. I obtained some copies at the Socialist Student Alliance Conference in Birmingham, and having shown them to members of our anti-fascist committee at Manchester University, we feel that the production of this independent paper marks a big step forward in building a united front against fascism and racism.

At the present time, we are engaged in fighting the growth of a hard core of National Front and National Party members in the University, who are attempting to organise openly, and gain support among the more reactionary elements of the students.

The information contained in your paper will be very effective propaganda in helping to challenge the growth of fascist and racist organisations, and we'd like to take a number to sell here. We feel that the material in your paper will also make a big contribution not only to exposing the nature of the racists, as well as giving a lead to those who are prepared to resist them.

We wish you every success in continuing this project and offer our assistance in any way possible.

Manchester University Anti-Fascist Committee.

Dear Friends
We are writing to you about a most urgent matter that affects our common struggle against racism.

On Saturday, June 18, the Committee Against Racism held a march through the downtown area of Los Angeles to demand a halt to the ever escalating government attacks against immigrant workers and the implementation of resident rights for all undocumented workers.

What was planned as a peaceful march turned into the opposite when the Los Angeles police carried out an unprovoked attack on our demonstration and arrested 29 people, many of whom are immigrant workers. The police also injured many people as they indiscriminately clubbed the marchers.

Nine of those arrested are being charged with "assault on a police officer" and are still in jail as I write these lines. Excessive bail ranging from $15,000 to $20,000 each are being demanded for their release pending trial. All others arrested are being charged with "rioting" or "incitement to riot", merely for being present at the demonstration or being in the area. The judge who set this outrageous bail remarked that since many of those being held were Spanish-speaking, then they must be "illegal aliens" and "enemies of the state".

It is apparent to us that the reason for this police attack is that CAR has been organizing effectively among the hundreds of thousands of immigrant garment workers, many of whom witnessed the attack on our demonstration. Given the recent rebellion of Latin workers in Chicago, and the increasing militancy of oppressed people throughout the US in the face of high unemployment, racism and deteriorating living conditions, it is not surprising that the authorities would resort to such fascistic measures in an attempt to stop anti-racist organizations.

We ask your help in two respects. Firstly, in light of the hypocritical campaign by the US administration about human rights, we feel the violation of the rights of immigrant workers in the US should be an international issue. Specifically, if you are participating in any manner in the review of the Helsinki Accord currently underway in Belgrade, it would be most urgent to raise the issue there, with the June 18 attack as an example. Alerting the anti-racist movement in Britain generally would also be very useful. Secondly, any financial aid you might be able to provide your impoverished counterparts here would be most helpful in securing the release of our friends.

We thank you now for any assistance you can provide.

Yours in struggle
Kathy Dahlgren,
For the Los Angeles
Committee Against Racism

WOMEN AGAINST RACISM & FASCISM

The Women Against Racism and Fascism group was formed in response to our experience as women on the April 23rd Anti-National Front Demonstration.

Whilst the demonstration positively illustrated the effectiveness of and the necessity for a united front of all groups actively opposing racism and fascism — both in a broad political sense and in their communities, for many women there was only a qualified sense of unity with the other groups present.

Women as a group were not informed of the strategy of the demonstration and neither were our interests raised at the planning stage. Several women with children were unable to come as it had never occurred to the planning group that child-care was a relevant issue. Given that all fascist movements and right-wing ideology generally, sees as one of its major aims the strengthening of the family thereby rendering women a consistent target of such movements, a refusal to see women as a political grouping is sexist and fails to confront one of the major ways in which the growth of the right-wing is expressed, e.g. attacks on abortion rights, economic measures which strengthen women's dependency in the family, etc.

The positive aspects of organising as women within broad political struggles has been illustrated by the involvement of women from the Women's Movement on the mass picket of the Grunwick factory which has enabled us to see ourselves as a cohesive group and to derive support and solidarity from each other.

The group is comprised of women already involved in local anti-fascist work and women hitherto not affiliated to any local group, and our aims are both practical and theoretical.

Firstly we aim to initiate and co-ordinate both women's involvement in general anti-fascist and anti-racist work. Hopefully, this will mean that we can act as a discussion and support group for women becoming involved in local anti-fascist campaigns etc. and will mean that those of us who do get involved in local work will not have to do so merely as individuals but can use the group as a basis for discussion with other women. Also we hope to develop channels of communication which will facilitate speedy mobilisation when necessary. We also feel that many more women would mobilise nationally for anti-fascist activities if they knew that there was going to be a women's contingent present. The existence of the group will also mean that we will be able to be more informed of developments and more involved in the planning stages of work, and with this in mind, we have affiliated to the All London Anti-Racist Anti-Fascist Co-ordinating Committee.

We feel also that it is imperative that we address ourselves to the Women's Movement, to ensure that the issues of fascism and racism are raised within the movement as areas which feminists should actively concern themselves with both inside and outside of the movement. It is important that we publicise and raise the issues of fascism and racism within campaigns such as NAC, for e.g., since the interpretation of concepts like "A Woman's Right to Choose" will in part be determined by both the issues of sexism and racism. Whilst for white women this will probably mean the right to decide to have an abortion, (although remembering Keith Joseph's speech this might well depend on her class) for black women it may and often does mean the right NOT to have an abortion or sterilisation. As such we feel it is important that campaigns such as NAC realise the implications of its demands for the fight against racism and fascism.

Photographs/Minda

As a group of women actively participating in anti-fascist work alongside other groups involved in this sort of struggle we will also raise the issue of and confront sexist attitudes and behaviour that we are often subjected to in such circumstances. Just as we feel it is imperative that feminists take up the issues of racism and fascism, so we feel that it is imperative that "the left" take up the issue of sexism (both *inside* and outside) in all practical and theoretical undertakings.

It is also envisaged that the Women Against Racism and Fascism group will have a role to play in the development of feminist theory.

We feel it is important that women attempt to analyse the nature and extent of the threat that fascism holds for women. For example it is not just right-wing organisations like the National Front that see women's major role as in the home, nor indeed is it just fascists who think that black people "breed" too much. In this context we can ask what are the particular threats of fascism for women and how does the existence of racist and sexist attitudes in countries like Britain help facilitate the growing strength of fascist organisations. These are some of the areas that we would hope to be able to address ourselves to.

In developing feminist theory of women's oppression it is also important that we realise and discuss the issue of racism and see that contradictions can and do arise when the issue of sexism is complicated by that of race. The classic situation where this type of contradiction arises is in cases of rape involving a black and white person. Rape, like all types of violence against women, is bound up with the perception of women as the property of men. Yet being a woman may not be the only criteria by which you are deemed to be property, race may also be a factor. The thousands of cases of rape suffered by black women on the slave plantations at the hands of white men is a case in point. Similarly rape of white women by black men also gives rise to many contradictions since it involves more than just the power of men over women.

We would also hope to be able to contribute to developing a feminist position on fascism and racism in a broader context than sexism alone. This means that we hope to be able to contribute to developing an understanding of the nature of racism and fascism, the links between them, their implications, etc. It also means that we feel that feminists should take a position on these issues not just in terms of what they mean for women but as part of the revolutionary movement.

The Women Against Racism and Fascism group meets fortnightly at Camden Women's Centre, Lyndhurst Road, N.W.3. Contact address is c/o South Bank Polytechnic Student Union, Rotary St., London, SE1.

Edinburgh

Edinburgh has seen a recent increase in racist activity. Over recent months the Sikh Temple in Leith has had windows broken, some with air guns. Cards with swastikas have been pushed through the doors. Slogans such as KEEP SCOTLAND WHITE, PAKIS GO HOME and KU KLUX KLAN have been chalked on the walls.

In early May there was a series of attacks on Asian-owned shops in Edinburgh. Two shops in the South Side area were badly damaged by firebombs, while the windows were broken in a third. Another store in Craigmillar, after suffering repeated painted slogans, was burnt in a similar way. An Asian family in Bingham had their windows broken and tyres slashed.

In May a Bengali restaurant in Tollcross suffered a firebomb like the others. The storekeeper in an Asian shop in Tollcross was beaten up by three men, who were arrested by the police. On their release, they returned and attempted to break the storekeeper's arm. Prior to these incidents, there was racist propaganda spread about the houses and streets. Leith was the main target in summer '76 with the Scottish Front bulletin attacking the opening of the Sikh Temple there. The effective work of this committee, and our public meetings in the Temple helped stop further racist leafleting.

Harringey

Since April 23 the two local Anti-Racist, Anti-Facist Campaigns and the SWP have been distributing anti-fascist literature, selling *CARF* etc. in the Turnpike Lane area where the NF march had started. On July 9 the National Front imported five of its people to sell their rag, *National Front News*. They clashed with Harringey Labour movement Campaign and SWP members and the police moved everyone on.

On the July 16 — the following Saturday — the two Harringey Campaigns, the local LPYS, and the local SWP turned up expecting the NF to return. They did — though they could still only muster eight imports. They sold for some 25 minutes or so, but only with strong police protection and with constant harrassment from anti-fascists nearby who were selling and distributing anti-fascist leaflets and papers. Having sold hardly any of their papers and totally obscured by the police and the anti-fascists, the NF finally sculked away defeated. Though they can be expected to return, local anti-fascists — despite police harrassment, including one arrest — will be returning to counter them.

Kingston

Kingston and Richmond Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (CARF) is a broad based labour movement campaign. It has amongst its Kingston affiliations Kingston Trades Council, TU branches, Labour Parties, together with Communist Party, SWP, WSL and Workers League.

Since last Autumn we have held two large public meetings and distributed over 25,000 leaflets. We have participated in two local demonstrations against the NF and were recently represented at the NF's planning appeal for their HQ in Teddington.

The NF's plan to turn Kingston market into a sales patch came unstuck when CARF organised consistent leafleting and joint sales of socialist papers. The NF cleared off and haven't been seen for many months.

Present CARF policies include "No platform for fascists", and the banning of the fascist organisations. We are opposed to immigration controls. We support black self-defence. We are also opposed to attacks on womens rights and discrimination against minority groups, such as gays and gypsies (a recent edition of our local paper *The Surrey Comet* carried a piece outlining the future election campaign of the NF in Epsom, where it was said the NF would "sort out the gypsy problem"). We do not organise around these issues ourselves, but recognise that such attacks on democratic rights go hand-in-hand with aspects of fascist ideology and must be opposed. To this end we have supported the work of NAC in the area.

We welcome ARAFCC's move to adopt the CARF paper we started in Kingston. The initial run of 500, printed as a prototype sold out very quickly (and had to be reprinted), with sales in the market place, in the colleges and outside factories. We found it an invaluable asset and we look forward to the first edition of the ARAFCC CARF paper and give it our full support.

Enfield

On July 5 Enfield Committee for Racial Harmony held irs second picket of the Enfield Council meeting over banning the National Front from Council-controlled premises. It was Enfield Education Dept. who had goven premission for the N.F. to rally at Arnos Grove Comprehensive at the end of their North London march on April 23. The council had since imposed a temporary ban, and the picket was held to press the case for making it permanent. About 150 people attended the picket in the hope that Enfield might be pressured into becoming the first Conservative council to ban the N.F. from use of premises. In the event a final decision was not taken by the council.

Photograph/John Sturrock Report

Manchester TUC Anti-Racist demonstration.

Southwark

Southwark Campaign Against Racislism and Fascism (SCARF) has been established by a wide range of trade unions, political parties and community groups. The aims of the Campaign are to work for racial harmony in Southwark, to bring together anti-racialist organisations and individuals, and to campaign against racial and fascist organisations.

The inaugural meeting of the Campaign, organised by Southwark Trades Council, was attended by 99 delegates from 51 organisations, who were addressed by Syd Bidwell (MP for Southall), Jock MacPherson-Quinn (Chairman, South London AUEW), Patrick Kodikara (Chairman, Hackney Community Relations Council) and a representative of *Searchlight*.

Wandsworth

Wandsworth Anti-Fa cist, Anti-Racist Committee has existed in its present form for 18 months. During the recent GLC elections the committee produced leaflets and held street meetings in Tooting and Battersea and in Clapham Junction on the morning of the April 23 rally. A wall newspaper was also produced for the GLC elections and flyposted around the area along with posters obtained from Kingston and Hackney. In April we held a social which raised £37 and Garnet College was used for a 23 April benefit social which raised £13.

Since the elections there has been a lull in the activity in the Wandsworth area, but committee members have been visiting other areas and have been giving aid with stewarding etc. The committee initiated a South London Conference in May and another has just taken place. As a result of these, contacts and prospects for co-ordination in South London are very good. A South London Anti-Racist Demonstration is one of the activities planned by the South London Conference and details of this will soon be despatched to all London Trades Councils.

Lambeth

Alarm's activities over the period following the GLC elections have been somewhat limited. However we have projected several activities for the immediate period ahead.

We are researching into racism in housing, education and employment and we are intending to hold a public meeting in September to report our findings.

We have been doing regular leafleting on estates. We think it is important to keep this up *all* the time and not *just* during the election period.

The 'Lewisham 24' and the 'SUS' laws have recently been discussed at ALARM meetings. It is hoped that a campaign around the 'SUS' laws could be launched and that ALARM can support the 'Lewisham 24 Defence Committee'.

There have been allegations of racism in Lambeth Council's housing policies, mainly through a report by Steve Nathan, a community worker in Lambeth. ALARM felt they needed to know more in order to actively campaign around this issue.

An initiative by the 'Anti-Racist, Anti-Fascist Co-ordinating Committee' and the 'April 23 Defence Committee' to lobby the Labour Party Conference in October is supported. But there are minor problems within local groups, as a lot of all-London anti-racist activity has been set up, and that leaves less time for local work.

Recently a split in ALARM has meant there are less people attending meetings and the bulk of work has fallen on only a few people.

Hopefully we can begin to get a stronger presence locally and also be active in the important moves towards building unified, coherent anti-racist activity London-wide.

Croydon

The Campaign recently concentrated on a council by-election on Waddon Estate. We believed that following their success in the GLC Elections, the NF and NP would make an effort here. Given the present political situation, the Tories hold what should be a Labour seat. At the last Election, the Labour candidate lost the seat by 700 votes, while the fascist parties *both* drew more than 800.

The Campaign took the decision both to combat the fascist vote and to urge voters to 'Vote Labour' as the only alternative. We produced a leaflet 'No Nazis in Croydon' and 'Vote Labour, But Fight For Socialist Policies'. The Labour Party endorsed this, while at the same time working with their own material.

Several leafleting sessions covered every house in the council estate. An open-air public meeting was held in the middle of the estate with speakers from the Campaign, with the Labour candidate and a local Labour Councillor speaking, following their election motorcade. The Tories held the seat, but Labour cut the gap to 300. The most important aspect for the Campaign was the *combined* fascist vote of less than 300.

The Campaign proved —

- it is possible to campaign on an electoral basis and reduce the fascist vote.
- it is possible to operate on *our* terms as a district organisation, yet co-operate with the Labour Party on *their* election.
- it is possible to bring together a wide spectrum of anti-fascist forces — CP, SWP, Big Flame, with black groups and individuals working hand-in-hand pushing leaflets saying 'Vote Labour'.
- the importance of uniting black and white forces on a class basis.
- tremendous role was played by Croydon-Brixton Collective and their paper *Front Line*.
- open air meetings can be a successful means of reaching people.

ADDRESSES

Campaign Addresses please write to our publishing address: Flat 3 5 Huntley St London WCI

CARF

CARF appeared a few months ago and was produced by the Kingston Campaign as their own paper. In response to the demand for the paper by other Anti-fascist and Anti-racist Campaigns all over London and elsewhere, the recently formed Anti-Racist, Anti-Fascist Co-ordinating Committee is producing *CARF* (with the agreement of Kingston) as their own paper. It is the aim of the Co-ordinating Committee to produce *CARF* bi-monthly and hopes that it will act as a support and back-up for the campaigns in their fight-back against the racists and fascists.

To produce the paper and other publicity material we need money and support. Send us press cuttings from your local press, articles your group wants included in the paper, letters and campaign reports. Write telling us what you think of *CARF* and what reception it is getting. Order copies to sell. We ask quite bluntly for donations. The fight against racism and fascism can be greatly aided by an Anti-fascist, Anti-racist newspaper. *CARF* No. 1 proved that. So rush your donations to the Anti-Racist Anti-Fascist Co-ordinating Committee (make cheques payable to ARAFCC), Flat 3, 5 Huntley Street, London, WC1.

CARF

PAPER OF THE ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-FASCIST CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 10p

LEWISHAM OPERATION 39/PNH

Faith Foster mother of one of the arrested 'Lewisham 24', tells shoppers in Lewisham High Street, about the way the police treated her son.

Photographs/John Sturrock Report

On the left: member of the 'Defence Committee' attacked by four NF members

On Saturday July 2 members of the National Front launched a savage attack on a demonstration of socialists in support of the 'Lewisham 24', a group of mainly black defendants who face charges of 'conspiracy to rob'. The attack in the New Cross area involved punches, kicks and missiles including a container of paraquat. The violence was sufficiently serious for the police actually to arrest some Front members although 23 out of the 50 arrests were of the anti-racist marchers.

An examination of the events surrounding the Lewisham defendants shows that the police, consciously or not, have played into the hands of the racists and fascists.

May 30: Early morning raids are made at 60 homes in the Lewisham area as a result of which 21 young black people are charged with 'conspiring with each other and persons unknown to rob persons unknown'. The police say they have been building up information from hidden cameras and tape recorders for some time but *no* specific robbery or 'SUS' charges were brought. According to *Socialist Worker* a senior police officer said that they didn't want any pickpockets to be around the area when the Queen was going to make her jubilee tour''. It was also alleged that the draconian swoop was known as 'Operation 39/PNH' or '*Police Nigger Hunt*'.

Of course this sort of spectacular raid feeds the fears of the local community about 'black muggers' which have been aroused by amongst other things a truly despicable Front poster — which could have been prosecuted under the Race Relations Act, but was not.

June 1: The first court appearance, there is uproar when some of the youths are refused bail and the court has to be adjourned for extra police to attend.

June 4: The 'Lewisham 21' became the 'Lewisham 24' when 3 supporters of the Defendants including Peter Chappell of 'George Davis is innocent' fame are arrested. A senior police officer informed the organisers of the meeting that ''the people of Lewisham are not going to stand for this''. We shall see that this remark was to become self-fulfilling, for shortly afterwards attacks by the racists broke out.

June 9: Second court appearance. One lawyer tries to get an injunction against the SWP to stop *harassing* the parents of young people concerned. The magistrate replied that he had sympathy with the application but no power to grant it. Some of the lawyers are changed by the defendants following dissatisfaction with a 'soft' approach.

Later in the week the police are embarrassed when Prince Charles suggests that the complaints against the police over the nature and manner of the arrests be investigated.

June 17: An open meeting attended by members of the Defence Committee is broken up by National Front thugs. One woman is beaten unconscious. No fascists are arrested in spite of the fact that there are dramatic photographs of the incident.

July 2: The latest incident of violence against the supporters of the defendants. These tactics mark a different scale of racist violence in the area; previously the Front had tried to present their law and order image and did their dirty work in secret. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT SOUTH LONDON FRONT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FREE HAND TO ATTACK LEFT-WING DEMONSTRATIONS.

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